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Wilfrid de Great.

W'en Queen Victoria call her *peup's*
For mak' some jubilee,
She sen' for men from all de worl'—
Dat mean her colonie.

But mos' of all she sen' dis word,
To dis Canadian shore,
"If Wilfrid Laurier will not come;
I not be glad no more!"

TO LAURIER
CANADA

Den Wilfrid—not bad fellow, him—
Lif', w'at you call, de hat,
An' say : "Ma Reine, you mus' not fret,
'Bout little t'ing like dat.

"To Londres, on de day in June
You tole me, I will come,
And show you w'at is like de French-
Canadian *gentilhomme!*"

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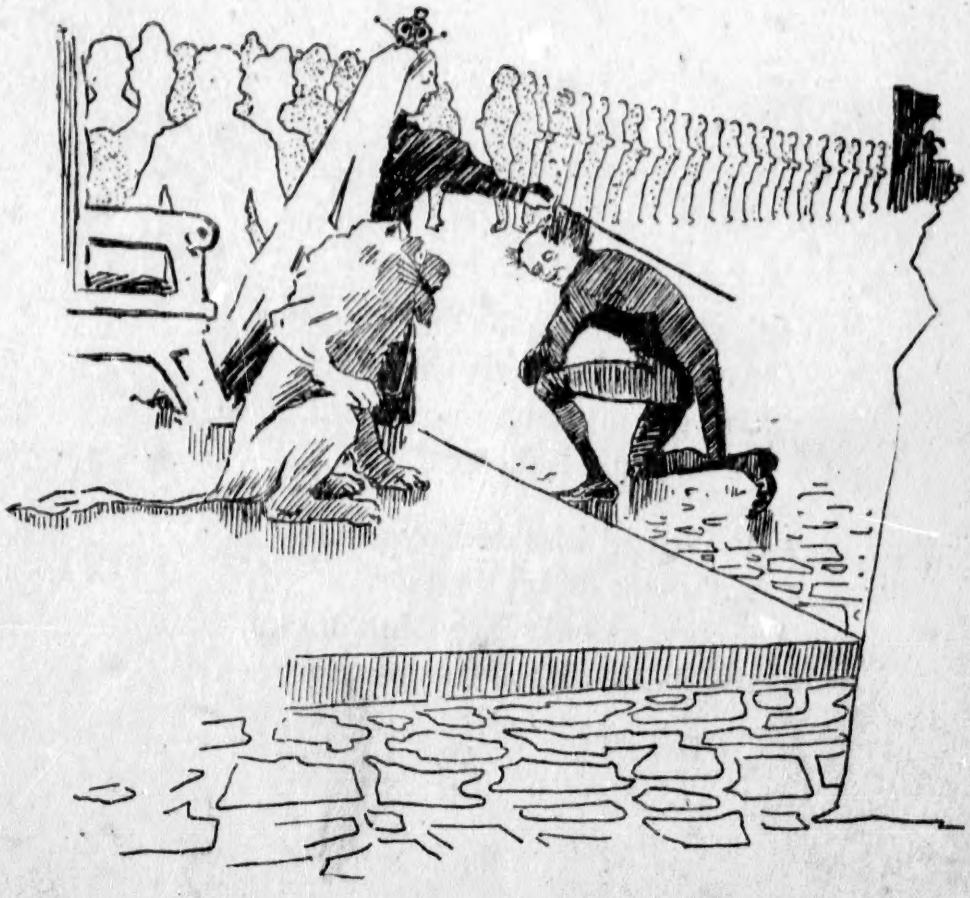
Den Wilfrid sail across de sea,
An' Queen Victoria 's met,
An' w'en she 's see him, ah ! she is
Jus' tickle half to deat' !

An' w'en he 's kneel, as etiquette
Demand, for be corree',
She tak' a sword into de han'
An' hit him on de neck.



An' w'en she do, she smile on him,
An' dese de words she say :
"Rise up, my true Canadian knight,
Sir Wilfrid Laurier !"

Den Wilfrid kiss de Royal han',
An' back off on de door,
An' bow, as only Frenchman can,
An' smile an' bow some more.

Nex' day, it ees a glorious sight,
At half-pas' twelf o'clock,
For see Sir Wilfrid ride on state
An' in *chapeau de coque !*

Lords Solsby, Roberts, Cecil Rhode',
An' Chamberlain, an' dose,
Were, w'at you call, "not in it," for—
Sir Wilfrid was de boss !

Oui, certainement, excep' de Queen
Herself, dat glorious day,
De greates' man on Angleterre,
Is Wilfrid Laurier !

Sir Wilfrid cross de Channel, den,
For visit la patrie,
An' mak' fine spiches, two or t'ree,
In de city of Paree.

W. LAURIER
CANADA.

An' shak' de han' an' drink de vin
Wit' Faure, de Presiden',
An' show him w'at de kin' of man
Dis co'ntrie represen'.

An' w'en Sir Wilfrid's voice dey hear
An' hees fine shape dey see,
De men of France was hall surprise',
De ladies hall *epris!*

Den Monsieur Faure, he rise an' say :
"Sir Wilfrid Laurier,
In de *Le-gi-on d'Hon-neur* you are
Un Grand Officier !"

An' to Sir Wilfrid, front dem hall,
He mak' some fine address,
An' den, de ribbon wit' de star
He pin upon hees breas'.

En bref, our Wilfrid capture France,
He's capture Anglan' too !
I t'ink he will annex dem bot'
To Canada.—Don' you ?

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